

# In Far Off Shanghai

# Guy Kibbee Has Convincing Role in Laugh Hit



She even speaks and sings Chinese—but the irrepressible Shirley Temple dimples destroy the authentic Oriental stoic countenance in her latest triumph, "Stowaway," that opens to night at the Torrance theatre.

## Famed Bald-Pated Comedian Adds Zest to "Three Men On a Horse"

Guy Kibbee, whose bald, bland and jovial presence has added zest to so many comedies, plays his most convincing part in "Three Men On a Horse," the First National screen version of the Broadway stage success—which comes to the Plaza theatre, Hawthorne, on Sunday.

Kibbee portrays the peppery Old Man Carver, proprietor of a greeting card manufactory—and employer of the meek and hen-pecked Erwin Trowbridge who composes the rhymes and in secret jots down his prognostications about probable winners in horse races and his imaginary winnings.

Guy Kibbee's impersonations are so real because he has seen so much of life and so many people of all sorts and conditions—in the more than a quarter of a century during which he toured the country in stock.

"Three Men On a Horse" features Frank McHugh and Joan Blondell. Others in the cast are Sam Levene, Teddy Hart, Allen Jenkins, Harry Davenport, Carol Hughes, Edgar Kennedy, Eddie Anderson, Tola Yasmin and Eily Malyon. Mervyn LeRoy directed.

"Three Men on a Horse"—the play from which the picture is taken—is still going strong on Broadway after more than two years, and there are seven road companies on tour.

## Johnson Aide to Show Travel Films In L.A.

Pacific Geographic Society has announced that the motion pictures made by the late Martin Johnson and his wife Osa during their recent year's expedition into Borneo will be exhibited in Los Angeles at Shrine Auditorium, Thursday evening, Feb. 11. Mrs. Johnson, now in a hospital, will address the audience by telephone through loud-speakers in the auditorium the evening the pictures are shown.

The lecture and the story of the expedition, originally to have been given by Martin Johnson, will be related by Joseph Tilton, long an associate of the Johnsons and chief cameraman during their expeditions. Tilton is now enroute to Los Angeles from the east to speak in behalf of the explorer

## Chinese-Speaking Cupid Unites Lovers



The chief force in bringing them together, Shirley Temple holds Alice Faye and Robert Young that way in a scene from "Stowaway" in which Shirley even sings and talks Chinese. The picture is combined with "Charlie Chan at the Opera" tonight at the Plaza theatre, Hawthorne.

and to continue the speaking tour which had previously been booked for the Johnsons.

With Tilton taking his former chief's place, the engagements booked for other cities in California including that at the Civic Auditorium, Pasadena, Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, will be made. Mrs. Johnson, who is expected to be confined to the hospital for several months, has

### U. S. LEADS IN CARS

Registration of motor vehicles in the United States in 1936 totaled 28,270,000. Private cars accounted for 24,250,000, and trucks for 4,020,000. This country has 71 percent of the 40,000,000 vehicles in the world.

expressed the wish that the booking commitments to show the pictures be carried out.

### Swimmer Tries Lake Erie

CONNEAUT, O. (U.P.)—Herman Kangas opened the swimming season on Lake Erie when the temperature was 60 degrees.

### Los Angeles Takes Bow

LOS ANGELES. (U.P.)—This city boasts that as a result of its new "don't soak the tourist" policy it attracted 1,517,864 visitors last year.

# PLAZA THEATRE

HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA  
Telephone 299 "The Friendly Family Theatre"  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Feb. 4-5-6  
SHIRLEY TEMPLE in "STOWAWAY"  
and WARNER OLAND in "CHARLIE CHAN AT THE OPERA"  
FRIDAY EVE—PLAY MAGIC SCREEN  
Sunday, Monday Tuesday, Feb. 7-8-9  
JOAN BLONDELL and FRANK McHUGH in "3 MEN ON A HORSE"  
JUNE TRAVIS in "JAILBREAK"  
Plus Latest Issue "MARCH OF TIME" No. 6  
SPECIAL MONDAY—PLAY MAGIC SCREEN  
Wednesday, Thursday, Feb. 10-11  
BOBBY BRENN in "RAINBOW ON THE RIVER"  
and JOE COOK in "ARIZONA MAHONEY"  
\$888—WEDNESDAY . . . COME EARLY—\$888  
Doors Open 6 P.M.

## THEY'RE PICKED TO WIN LAUGHS



After 25 years as Broadway's reigning comedy hit, "Three Men On a Horse," now a First National picture, will open at the Torrance theatre with Frank McHugh and Joan Blondell leading a great laugh cast.

## '3 Men On Horse' Funny Race Hit

Hilarious Comedy Opening Here Next Sunday

The Torrance theatre has the answer for everyone in town who happens to be in need of a real down-to-the-earth, guffawing evening of fast and furious fun.

"Three Men on a Horse," the First National screen version of the Broadway stage play will open here next Sunday. It is a side-splitting story of Erwin (pronounced Oiw'n) a meek little writer of greeting card verses—who has the weird gift of picking winners in horse races. He keeps that secret to himself, and as he rides to and from his home, he jots down in a little book his prognostications and imaginary winnings. His nagging wife finds the book, denounces him as a phony, and browbeats him to the point of desperation.

When his boss orders him to produce 50 Mother's Day greeting verses before the noon whistle blows—his troubles begin to pyramid—and drive him to a gin mill to drown his woes in drink.

## 250 Orientals Study With Her

### Shirley Learns Chinese

In her unusual role in her picture Shirley Temple had to learn some 70 words of real Chinese, lending not only authenticity but extraordinary entertainment to the Twentieth Century-Fox film, "Stowaway," opening a three-day run at the Torrance theatre tonight.

Singing and speaking in the official Mandarin dialect of China so well that she wins a prize in a Chinese theatre, Shirley had 250 fellow students studying the language with her. These were the Chinese "extras" in the film, all of whom spoke dialects other than the one the Chinese government is endeavoring to make the official tongue of China.

Cast in the role of the daughter of American missionaries in China, orphaned by a bandit raid, Shirley somehow gets to Shanghai, where she meets Robert Young, a rich young playboy, who loses his heart to her.

The manner in which Shirley finally helps her handsome benefactor win the hand of Alice Faye, who was promised to another, provides outstanding entertainment.

## Narbonne Seniors Win Prized Trophy

The senior key was presented to Nellie Billaud and Tony Roomsburg, presidents of the two senior B classes at Narbonne high school by Principal Clementine de Forest Griffin at last Friday afternoon's graduation program.

The key will remain in possession of the 12th grade all the Spring semester as a reward for defeating the juniors in the annual field day held late last week.

### PARKS ARE VALUABLE

Value of California's 70 state parks is estimated at \$14,742,000, according to a report submitted.

# TORRANCE THEATRE

PHONE TORRANCE 132

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Feb. 4-5-6

SHIRLEY TEMPLE in

"STOWAWAY"

with Robert Young and Alice Faye

—and—

"THE MAN I MARRY"

with DORIS NOLAN, MICHAEL WHALEN

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Feb. 7-8-9

"THREE MEN ON A HORSE"

with FRANK McHUGH, JOAN BLONDELL

—and—

"CHARLIE CHAN AT THE OPERA"

with WARNER OLAND, BORIS KARLOFF

Wednesday Only, Feb. 10

Surprise Night

"FUGITIVE IN THE SKY"

with JEAN MUIR, WARREN HULL

—and—

"EASY TO TAKE"

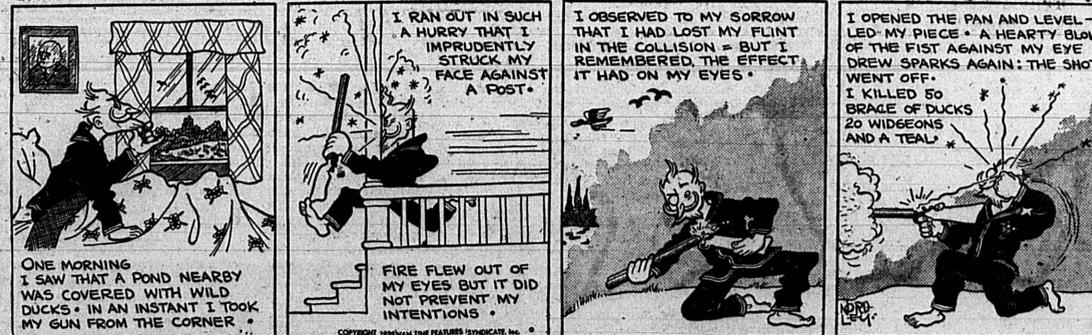
with MARSHA HUNT, JOHN HOWARD

2 Shows—6 and 9 P.M.

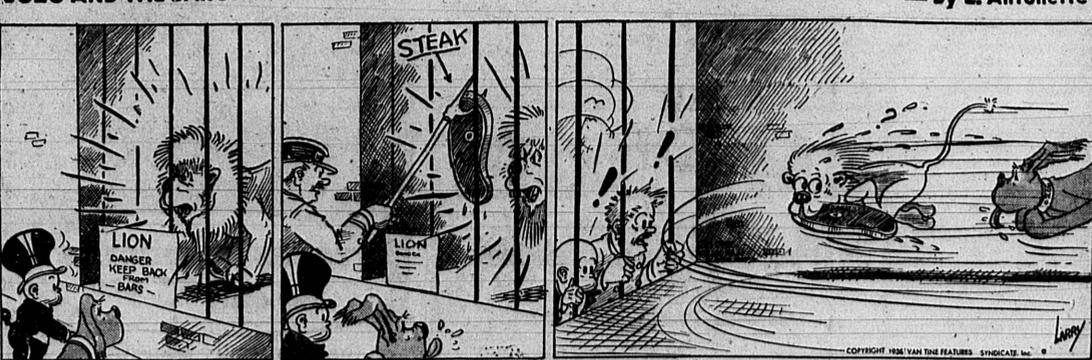
## KITTY KELLY AND NELLIE SHANNON



## BARON MUNCHAUSEN



## BOZO AND THE BARON



## DON'T LAUGH



SOUTHERN DARKIES BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL NOT WANT FOR FOOD IF YOU EAT BLACK-EYED PEAS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

## SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS



ALWAYS JINGLE SILVER IN YOUR HAND AS THE BELLS RING IN THE NEW YEAR AND YOU WILL NOT WANT FOR MONEY.

THE FIRST PERSON TO ENTER A HOUSE IN SCOTLAND, ON NEW YEAR'S EVE MUST BE DARK HAired TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE.